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SUMMARY. THE SAGGING MORALE OF MOVEMENT-BATTERED CADRE HAS PROMPTED POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI, SPEAKING RECENTLY IN TIBET, TO RECALL HOW AN ALL-JUST MAO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE ONCE EXONERATED HIM OF FALSE CHARGES. SOME LEADING TIBETAN PARTY MEMBERS WERE ABSENT FOR CHEN'S SPEECH. END SUMMARY.

1. SPEAKING AT A RECENT TIBETAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI CONVEYED A SUBTLE MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE CADRES TO BOOST THEIR MORALE. DIGRESSING IN HIS REMARKS, CHEN RECALLED HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE SOCIALIST EDUCATION MOVEMENT IN 1964 WHEN A WORKING TEAM INFESTED WITH LIU SHAO-CHI'S REVISIONIST LINE ARRIVED AT HIS TACHAI BRIGADE AND BEGAN BLANKET AND UNFAIR CRITICISM OF THE CADRES. WORSE STILL, "THEY (THE WORKING TEAM) WANTED TO GET US IN TROUBLE AND DESTROY US. IN ORDER TO DECEIVE THE POOR AND LOWER-MIDDLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEASANTS, THEY ASKED THE POOR AND LOWER-MIDDLE PEASANTS TO

CRITICIZE THE CADRES."

2. HOWEVER, THE PEASANTS SUPPORTED THE CADRES AGAINST THE WORKING TEAM, ASKING, "WHAT CRIME DID THE CADRES COMMIT?" THE CADRES HAD FAITH IN THE MASSES AND WERE NOT WORRIED. FINALLY, CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SENT A DIFFERENT WORKING TEAM TO TACHAI. THE FIRST TEAM WITHDREW AND "STOPPED MAKING TROUBLE," CAUSING CHEN TO CONCLUDE "COMRADES, WE HAVE FAITH IN THE PARTY CENTER COMMITTEE, IN CHAIRMAN MAO AND IN THE MASSES."

3. NOTABLE BY THEIR ABSENCE AT THIS SPEECH BY A VISITING POLITBURO MEMBER WERE TIBET PARTY SECRETARIES TIEN PAO, PA SANG AND CHEN MING-YI, AND PARTY STANDING COMMITTED MEMBERS LI PEN-SHAN AND YU PEI-SHAN. MOST HAVE NOT APPEARED IN TIBET FOR AT LEAST NINE MONTHS. BOTH TIEN AND PA (WHO IS FEMALE) ARE TIBETAN MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTED OF THE CCP.

4. COMMENT. CHEN IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO WHO TRAVELS PUBLICLY AROUND THE COUNTRY MAKING SPEECHES THAT ARE OPENLY REPORTED, AND PRESUMABLY THE MESSAGES HE DELIVERS ARE AUTHORIZED FROM PEKING. AT A TIME WHEN CADRE MORALE IS OBVIOUSLY LOW BECAUSE OF CRITICISM AND FACTIONAL TENSIONS SET OFF BY THE MOVEMENT, CHEN'S ALLUSION TO HIS SIMILAR EXPERIENCE IN THE MOVEMENT OF 1964 IS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO PERSUADE CADRES THAT THE CENTER WILL ACT WITH WISDOM AND JUSTICE, AND THAT UNFAIR CRITICISM IS NOT TO BE FEARED. THE ABSENCE FROM PUBLIC SIGHT OF SOME LEADING TIBET CADRES, GIVES POINT TO THE NEED FOR CHEN'S SOOTHING WORDS.

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